

SQUIRE'S WICKED LETTER

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Commissioner Squire was at his office until noon yesterday. He saw his counsel, John H. Strahan, who repeated the injunction to him not to talk.

Maurice B. Flynn flitted in and out of his office during the morning. At 11 o'clock Richard S. Newcomb called, and they had a conversation in which Newcomb said he was going away at once. He left and said that it was no use trying to get him to talk, for he wouldn't talk. Whatever further statements he had to make would be made in writing and would be sent to the newspapers. Mr. Flynn and his privates, including the boys, had no more to do with the papers, at his house on Madison avenue.

There is a good deal of curiosity to know how a certain \$30,000 in \$100 and \$500 bills was disposed of about the time that Squire was confirmed for Commissioner of the Works by the Senate on January 24. It is determined that the story runs, and it comes of good authority, that two or three days before the date of Squire's confirmation Maurice B. Flynn and John Joseph O'Brien, the aqueduct contractor, went to the banking house of W. H. Catherly & Co., the firm of the late John Catherly, and there they were introduced to the firm by Herman Clark, the partner of Mr. O'Brien. By Flynn desired the firm to cash a check for \$30,000 in \$100 and \$500 bills. Received the money in this shape and gave Mr. Flynn, when asked about this story yesterday, said that he had so many and so large a number of checks cashed for him that he could not for him to remember them all. If he had given O'Brien a check for \$30,000 in \$100 and \$500 bills, for he had never used money to his

Mr. Edward Bement, another partner, was also present. He said that he had no knowledge of anything, will not deny or affirm anything.

Mr. O'Brien was one of those who made efforts on such an injunction was obtained from the court. He said that he had no knowledge from confirming Fitz John Porter as a partner in the firm.

Besides the document that Mr. Miller has in a safe deposit company, it is rumored that a document of this kind is floating around, and may be produced at the trial.

The attorney of Accounts Shearman gave the following account of what he knows about Squire's letter to Flynn, agreeing to run the business of the firm as a partner.

The first rumor I heard of the existence of such a paper was when Squire published a notice withdrawing any resignation he might have made. I saw the paper in the morning and was so outrageous in the last few weeks I saw Mr. Miller and told him that we ought to have proof of the existence of such a paper.

any such thing. Mr. Miller started out for it. This was about three weeks ago. The first time that I saw the document, or was positive that it existed, was when Mr. Miller brought it over here, and showed it to me Monday noon (the day Thompson died). We were already preparing charges against Squire, and when I saw that document I decided to hurry them

up, and make it the one strong point that we would easily and quickly prove. Work began on the 15th of May, and the drawing was prepared by Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday morning they were shown to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, and on Wednesday afternoon they were served.

Mr. Miller is looking after the document, and having it examined by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, turned aside, and appears to have the drawing written with a stub pen and in black ink, and the Mayor is writing the same in the same hand. My theory is that the body of the agreement was written rapidly from dictation by the Mayor, and that the Mayor has written the preamble. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Flynn, and a lawyer. After being signed the lawyer had the document put in the Mayor's hands, and the Mayor remarks therein as you may suggest. To make it still stronger the lawyer had the words "I, the Mayor of the City of New York," in the office as you may direct. That clause had to be crowded in. The paper is in the form of a letter, and the Mayor has been consulted and I believe supervised the drawing of it. The date of date from 29th to 30th of May, and the time afterward, but with the same ink.

The document may have been copied. It

"So far as the strength of the charge goes, it

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best of its kind ever done in this city.

Comptroller Loew said that he would not pay until he had satisfied himself through his engineer, Mr. McLean, that the work was done according to the specifications.

Charged with Violating the Dingley Act.

Assistant United States District Attorney Foster, in the United States Court yesterday, charged Capt. David Miller of the schooner Gussie Bishop with a violation of the Dingley act, which prohibits the payment of advance wages to seamen. With-

Ham Adersen and John Greenfield made affidavits that they shipped a seaman with Capt. Miller at the rate of \$20 a month, but in the articles the rate was listed at \$25 a month. The affidavit of Adersen was signed at New York, it was supposed, would take two months. It was the usual asked to be paid off at the agreed rate the Shipping Commissioner interfered. Commissioner Greenfield held Capt. Miller in \$200 bail for examination.

The Yacht Yosemite Sold.

The steam yacht Yosemite has been sold by Messrs. Ford & Young, ship brokers of the city, to the Fisheries Department of the Canadian Government, Ottawa, for \$100,000. The vessel was built at the yard of J. W. Van Dine, New York City, and was delivered to her purchasers in New York on Aug. 7. The Yosemite is 68 feet long, 12 feet wide and weighs 12 tons. She has a speed of 12 miles per hour. Her dimensions are 68x12x12, and she is propelled by two engines, each rated at 100 horse power. Her cruising range is 1,000 miles. She has a crew of 12 men, and can carry 10 passengers. She is capable of driving 100 revolutions per hour. She has hurriedly been fitted with all modern appliances, and is now ready for service. The vessel is one of the most elaborate descriptions.

Saves \$3 And Go West.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad announced last week to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and all points West.